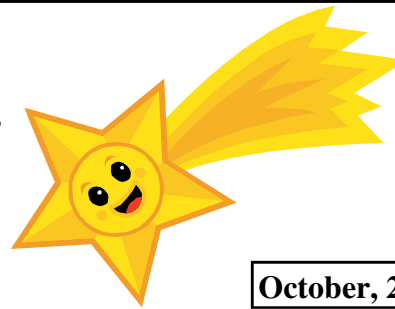


# The Norwood Star

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**Extra! Extra! Read all about it!**

**October, 2009**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **October**

- 2 PTA Fundraiser order money is due
- 6 PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Lifetouch picture day
- 16 Professional Development Day - school closed for students
- 19 Kidzstuff Fundraiser begins
- 21 SIT Meeting 2:30—3:00 p.m.
- 21 Fall Fun Run 3:15 p.m.
- 23 Fall Fest 6-8:00 p.m.
- 24 Spirit Day/Night
- 30 Character Book Parade 2:45 p.m.

### **November**

- 3 PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 5 1st marking period ends
- 6 Assessment Day—school closed for students
- 13 PTA Fundraiser orders delivered 2-6 p.m.
- 19 Distribution of report cards
- 16-20 American Education Week
- 19 College Pep Rally
- 20 Grandparents Day
- 23 Conference Day—school closed for students
- 24 Spirit Day/Night
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

### Hearing and Vision Testing

Dates have been announced for this year's Hearing and Vision testing. It will take place December 7 through December 11. A grade schedule will be sent home in next month's newsletter. Make-up testing will be January 6 and 7.

### Norwood Fundraiser

This year, the school will be offering the *Kidzstuff* coupon book as our fundraiser. In years past, we have offered the Entertainment books. This year, we are trying something a bit more appealing to children and their families. Look for information coming home on October 19. Families who sell 5 books will get one free. All books will be numbered this year and assigned to a student. All homeroom teachers who have 100% return of sale of books will receive a free book. This money will be used to enhance our ever-changing technology needs.

## Arrival/Dismissal Plan

1. All students should arrive at school beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
2. All students will enter the school at 8:00 a.m. and line up in the hallways.
3. When the 8:15 a.m. bell rings, the students will go to their classrooms.
4. Please do not park in the faculty lot, handicap spaces, and on Delvale Avenue in front of the entrance to school. Please abide by the parking signs.
5. When dropping off/picking up your child, be mindful of the need for moving traffic in the faculty lot.
6. School is dismissed at 3:05 p.m. Please pick up your child promptly.

We hear your needs and thank you for being respectful in communicating with us about the safety of your children. Thank you again for helping us to address the issues that make our school be a safe and joyful learning environment.

## Contacting a Staff Member

Parents may not go to their child's homeroom before school unless an appointment has been set up previously. This takes up precious time as teachers prepare for all their students. Here are appropriate ways to contact your child's teacher or any other staff member.

- Email: All staff members have an email address which consists of the first initial and last name (ie: jdoe@bcps.org). Check with the office if you are unsure. Many teachers have set up a link to their own website at the <http://norwoodes.bcps.org> web address.
- Agenda notes—The student agenda is a good way to communicate with any of your child's teachers.
- Personal notes—Absent notes should be sent promptly.

## American Education Week Schedule

### Visitors are welcome from 9:00—12:00

Monday, November 16.....Grade 2 & 5  
Tuesday, November 17.....Grade 1 & 4  
Wednesday, November 18...Grade 3 & Pre-K and KG  
Thursday, November 20.....Pep Rally  
Friday, November 21.....Grandparents Day  
Lifetouch pictures will be available.

## New Child Passenger Safety Law

The law has changed. Effective June 30, 2008, every child under 8 years old must ride in a booster seat or other appropriate safety seat (unless the child is 4ft. 9 in. tall or weights more than 65 lbs.) Every child from 8-16 years of age must be secured in a seat belt. The back set is the safest. Children under 13 years of age should ride in the back seat. Call 1-800-370-SEAT or 410-767-6016 or visit the [www.mdckiss.org](http://www.mdckiss.org) for more information.

### Volunteer Orientation

Approximately 15 people attended the 'Volunteer Orientation Tea' on September 23rd. This is in addition to training on 'Back to School Night'. This brings our volunteer list to 80 people. WOW!!!! Teachers utilize volunteers in many ways. Remember, if you wish to attend a field trip or help in any way at school, you must fill out an application and go through the training. If you are available to volunteer, please let your child's teacher know. You may email [jmeszaros@bcps.org](mailto:jmeszaros@bcps.org) or call the office at 410-887-7055 and ask for Jen Meszaros.

### Choice Theory Thoughts...

Choice Theory began last year at Norwood to boost academic achievement. This plan helps students and teachers identify basic needs and the needs of each another in order to better understand behavior and its consequences. Please review with your children at home.

#### Survival Need:

Likes attention to safety, predictable procedures, and a sense of order

#### Love and Belonging Need:

Wants to work together, share, form and maintain relationships

#### Power Need:

Enjoys being listened to, being challenged, and gaining recognition for success.

#### Freedom Need:

Craves choices, movement, and novelty

#### Fun Need:

Enjoys learning games, role-playing, and humor

### Fall Fun Run

Norwood's 'Annual Fall Fun Run' will be held Wednesday, October 21st. The run is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. It is after school and free of charge. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top 5 boy and girl runners at each grade level. Parents, friends, and family members are invited to attend and cheer on our participants. Encourage your children to come out and get some exercise after school!! Permission slips and detailed information will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.

### ART NEWS

Five special Norwood Artists were finalists in a countywide Character Education "Beyond Words" Challenge. Fifth Grades Amanda B, Abby C, Jeremy B, Mayra M, and Marlee M created clay pieces promoting positive character and behavior. Each artist reflected on their work and development by writing positive character wishes to be included with their clay artworks. Their pieces were seen and voted on by other county students, faculty, and even the public. We are proud to have such special Norwood Artists representing our school!

### PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to thank everyone who joined so far this year. You should have received your membership card. For those who haven't joined...it's not too late. The cost is only \$5.00. Memberships are good for one year, so that means you need to join every year to be a current member. Membership money is split between local, state and national PTAs.

Just a reminder to keep saving and sending in those "Box Tops" and "Campbell's UPCs". Have your family and friends save them too.

Autumn Fest is coming up so be on the look out for more information.

Thanks for your continued support.

### SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CORNER

#### Free and inexpensive family activities in October:

1. Oct. 23—**Annapolis Chamber Players**, and Oct. 30—The Ashton Fletcher Trio. For more info call: 443-840-ARTS or [www.ccbc.edu/performingarts/music](http://www.ccbc.edu/performingarts/music).
2. **Fishing Center Open:** Fri., Sat., Sun., and Mondays up until 10/31/09, 7am-7pm. Located at: 12101 Dulaney Valley Road on the shores of Loch Raven Reservoir, offers an assortment of services for anglers, canoeist, boaters, and folks who merely want to get away for the day. Contact number: 410-887-7692.
3. **Cromwell Valley Park-Fall Harvest Festival:** Willow Grove Farm-Oct. 10th and 11th, 12pm-4pm. There will be crafts, games, hay rides, pony rides, "Old Timey" Music, food, cider pressing, tractor exhibit, local 4-H Clubs, and more. Fee: \$5 per car. Contact number: 410-887-2503.
4. **Family Fun Festival:** Dundalk Renaissance Corporations' Third Annual Family Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at Veterans Park. Enjoy Main Street Trick-or-Treat, pet costumes contests, food, games. Contact number: 410-282-0261.